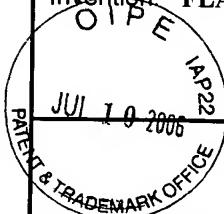


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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.